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TRUSTING IN WIND.

Yesterday was the day set for the com-

pletion of the big balloon which is to be

used in another attempt to find the North

Pole. Scientific circles in Europe have

been giving this windy scheme more at-

tention than they usually do to Ameri-

can papers from time to time have man-

ifested unusual interest in the same.

To plunge boldly into the Arctic upper

air with a balloon, before human travel

has been perfected, and with less knowl-

edge of the atmospheric conditions and

currents than of the Arctic's birds and

waterways even, it must be confessed,

romantic and daring enough to catch the

popular interest of the world. But after

all it is sailing to desolate seas, whether

in a ship or a balloon. Men go to the

pole, or to the bottom of the ocean, to make

the name of their country known, and

that is all that matters.

Men are forever striving after the inau-

gurable and the Arctic regions are full

with the remnants of a literature of disad-

vantage and failure and there are no

men of science who are not

anxious to make the name of their

country known.

The military establishment at Savannah

at this juncture fails to come in handy as

a resource for the naval militia.

It is conceivable that as ex-Governor

Roberts is making up his offering as

a candidate for the governorship though

he has not done so in his letter to the

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